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## Monthly Report to the California Fire Prevention Officers

### Fire and Life Safety North

#### Court Facilities

The State will soon assume the responsibility for trial court facilities from the counties in California. That means that the State Fire Marshal (SFM) Fire and Life Safety Division will be working with the courts to oversee their remodeling plans and bring them up to code. Chief Ben Ho is working with the Judicial Council of California to determine work load and establish a work plan for this project.

#### Hydrogen Highway

The next SFM Hydrogen Highway Advisory Committee meeting will be held on July 6, 2006 at the California Fuel Cell Partnership in West Sacramento. For information regarding this meeting, please contact Supervising Deputy Steve Guarino at (916) 341-6641 or [steve.guarino@fire.ca.gov](mailto:steve.guarino@fire.ca.gov).

#### Deputy State Fire Marshal Positions

The exam bulletins for Deputy State Fire Marshal III-Specialist and Deputy State Fire Marshal III-Supervisor have been posted. The final filling date is June 29, 2006 for both classifications. Attached are the exam bulletins:



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## **Fire and Life Safety – South**

### **Building Inspections**

Southern staff have been very busy with construction inspections in various state facilities –

- San Diego County Fair – New livestock barn and new multipurpose building.

- CSU San Diego – 4 new buildings – Arts and Letters, parking structure, student health services and public safety building.

- Fresno – new \$20 million dollar appellate court building.

- CSU Fresno – \$90 million dollar library addition and renovation.

- Fresno – new \$30 million dollar juvenile delinquency court.

### **Code Workgroup Task Complete**

The SFM ICC Code adoption workgroup completed their task and are happy to get back to their real responsibilities.

### **Joe Garcia is “Retiring”**

Division Chief Joe Garcia is retiring from state service after 32 years. His last day with SFM will be June 30. But he is not going to put up a hammock. He is the new Tulare County Fire Marshal and he will begin that job immediately. Joe began his career with CDF in 1974 as a paid-per-call firefighter in Tulare County. From 1976-82 he was an inspector with the Department of Developmental Services. In 1982 he joined the Office of the State Fire Marshal where he worked his way up through the ranks to his current position as Division Chief for Fire and Life Safety - South. Great job Joe, we wish you well.

## **Fire Engineering**

### **Building Materials Listing (BML)**

Darcell Hermann, Staff Assistant in the BML program has moved to a position in the Support Services Division. Andrieu (AJ) Ching is now the BML program assistant and can be reached at (916) 445-8370 or email [andrieu.ching@fire.ca.gov](mailto:andrieu.ching@fire.ca.gov)

The BML Program is now focused on listing renewals for fiscal year 06/07. All renewed listings will be posted on the BML website by July 1, 2006 for your use. Should you find that a materials listing sheet has expired, before you disallow that material please contact the SFM. Often a material is in the renewal process

thus making the material still valid for use. You may access the BML website at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/bml.html>

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### **Portable Fire Extinguisher Program**

The SFM Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee met on May 23, 2006. A draft of the minutes will be posted on the web site soon. The web site may be accessed at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/advisory/html>

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### **Fireworks**

If you have confiscated illegal fireworks, please complete the Fireworks Seizure Information Form. You may access this updated form at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/pdf/fireengineering/fw/fwsi/form.pdf> The fireworks 24 hour

emergency enforcement hotline number is (888) 399-3632. This phone number is **only for fire departments and law enforcement agencies** to report large seizures only. If you have small amounts of seized fireworks, please complete the seizure form and fax it to (916) 445-8458 and we will notify your agency when we will pick it up.

If you have any questions regarding this program please contact:

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## **Motion Picture and Entertainment Unit**

There is a "Filming in California" Special Effects and Scene Safety training class July 12, 13, and 14, 2006 presented by Office of the State Fire Marshal. Al Adams is the instructor and this class will be hosted by Burbank Fire Department. This training class is located at Burbank Fire Training Center, 1845 N. Ontario Street, Burbank and will be 8:00am - 5:00pm. The cost of the class is \$100.00, payable to Burbank Fire Department. Please RSVP with Burbank Fire Department at (818) 238-3473 or fax (818) 238-3479.

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## **Code Development**

Over the past few months, the fourteen Workgroups, Core Group and SFM staff have spent more than ten thousand hours reviewing code provisions and developing a comprehensive package of recommendations. Each of these recommendations has been evaluated by the Core Group.

In addition to the activities of the Core Group and fourteen Workgroups, our office has held a series of public "Stakeholder" meetings. The first was held in Sacramento on January 20; the second was held in Irvine on February 22; and the final meeting was held on March 24 in San Jose. Input and

recommendations obtained from Stakeholders have been integrated into our amendment process and many proposals.

SFM has submitted several Parts of Title 24 to the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) this week. With these submittals we are beginning the more formal Building Standards Rulemaking Cycle, also known as the Triennial Code Adoption Cycle.

The Following Parts were submitted the first week of May:

Part 2 – California Building Code (based on the 2006 International Building Code)

Part 3 – California Electrical Code (based on the 2005 National Electrical Code)

Part 4 – California Mechanical Code (based on the 2006 Uniform Mechanical Code)

Part 5 – California Plumbing Code (based on the 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code)

Part 9 – California Fire Code (based on the 2006 International Fire Code)

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